विभिन्न भागों में उपलब्ध, आकाशवाणी के 36 केन्द्रों से उर्दू में कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किये जा रहे हैं।

Seminar on Electronic Meria

2008. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Film and Television Technology Institute had organised a seminar in Delhi recently on Electronic media and national development;

(b) if so, what was the thrust of the speeches made by different personalities at the seminar; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to the points made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No information is available with Government about any such seminar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pricing policy on electricity charges

2009. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a rational pricing policy of electricity charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Tariff for sale of electricity to the different categories of consumers is determined by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs), with the approval of the State Governments concerned. The Conference of Power Ministers, held in January 1993, has adopted an Action Plan, which, *inter alisa,* proviles for periodical revision of tariff, taking into account the increased cost of generation and supply, and a minimum agricultural tariff of 50 paise/kwh.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Privatisation of coal based Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat

2010. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for privatisation of the coal-based thermal power plants in Gujarat;

(b) sf so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the stage at whsch the proopsal is pending; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Power generation in Madhya Pradesh

2011. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of deficit of power in Madhya Pradesh at present and the losses in power transmission annually as compared to other States;

(b) whether Government propose to grant any assistance to that State to

modernise its power generation and transmission system and to reduce the transmission losses; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance provided so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Deficit of power in Madhya Pradesh at present is 9.4 per cent. Separate transmission losses are not compiled. Transmission & Distribution losses for the year 1992-93 in Madhya Pradesh were of the order of 21,23 per cent. The comperative T&D losses for the year 1990-91 to 1992-93 is given at Statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to grant any assistance to Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board to modernise its power generation system during the 8th Five Year Plan However Renovation & Modernisation (R&M) schemes under Phase-II programme of Korbt (East and West), Satpure and Amarkantak Thermal Power Stations of MPEB were approved in 1990 and the same are under implementation. These schemes are to be totally funded from State Plan resources. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has been asked to give loan on priority for R&M and System Improvement Schemes of the State Electricity Boards. PFC has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 32.04 crores for various R&M schemes out of which Rs. 6.88 crores has been disbursed till May, 1994.

Statement

Percentage transformation, transmission and distribution losses (Including commercial losses such as pilferage etc.) in SEBs/EDs.

Region	SEB/ED	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Northern Region . .	1. Haryana	27.49	26.79	25.27
	2. Himachal Pradesh	21.45	20.37	18.51
	3. Jammu & Kashmir	42.33	49.21	48.95
	4. Punjab	18.97	21.52	18.53
	5. Rajasthan	25.92	23.11	23.79
	6. Uttar Pradesh	26.93	26.06	24.10
	7. Chandigarh	23.72	29.64	16.04
	8. D.E.S.U.	23.86	24.35	21.85
Western Region. . .	1. Gujarat	23.71	23.56	21.41
	2. Madhya Pradesh	24.94	25.08	21.23
	3. Maharashtra	18.06	18.40	16.17
	4. D & N Haveli	17.69	19.66	14.75
	5. Goa	24.97	23.78	22.04
	6. Daman & Diu	16.85	15.90	15.18
Southern Region . .	1. Andhra Pradesh	22.43	19.70	19.16
	2. Karnataka	20.11	19.88	18.70
	3. Kerala	21.67	21.67	21.15
	4. Tamil Nadu	18.74	18.63	17.50
	5. Lakshadweep Islands	18.62	17.43	18.79
	6. Pondichery	19.20	18.00	15.64

Region	SEB/ED	1990-91	1991,92	1992,93
Eastern Region . . .	1. Bihar	21.09	23.19	20.50
	2. Orissa	25.29	24.63	25.00
	3. Sikkim	24.53	25.89	22.30
	4. West Bengal	21.81	22.26	22.04
	5. A & N Islands	19.83	21.66	22.96
North-Eastern Region	1. Assam	24.10	21.76	21.30
	2. Manipur	28.02	24.43	19.50
	3. Meghalaya	11.80	11.49	10.79
	4. Nagaland	26.08	23.14	32.46
	5. Tripura	29.59	31.96	29.39
	6. Arunachal Pradesh	19.99	28.20	34.64
	7. Mizoram	29.63	34.95	28.03
ALL INDIA :		22.89	22.83	21.80

NOTE : The lower T&D losses figures in respect of Meghalaya are due bulk sale of energy to neighbourings states.

Expert committee on power shortage

2012. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4495 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether any expert committee has been set up to examine investment and expansion aspects of power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The National Development Council has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Maharashtra to look into the various aspects of the working of the Power Sector particularly at the State level. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Construction of power plants by BHEL

2013. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of BHEL Executive Association has made an offer to the Prime Minister that they can build power plants at far less cost than offered by foreign investors, if so, what are the salient features of the offer; and

(b) whether the offer has been examined by Government and if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Association has suggested that power plants can be set up by NTPC and BHEL on turn-key basis on rates lower than those indicated by private investors for some projects.